GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ENFORCEMENT OF PANCHAYATI RAJ BY STATES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the States have enforced the Panchayati Raj Act as passed and amended by Parliament;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether some States have evolved the structure of Panchayati Raj at their own level;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise particularly in respect of Madha Pradesh; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken against such States?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b): All the States except the States of Jammu & Kashmir, the newly created States of Chattisgarh and Uttaranchal and the Union Territory of NCT of Delhi have enacted State Panchayati Raj Act in consonance with the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992.

(c)&(d): The Government of Madhya Pradesh have set up Gram Vikas Samitis whereas, the Government of Haryana have set up Village Development Committees(VDCs) which seem to be parallel bodies to the Gram PanchayatsCentre is in correspondence with the States of Madhya Pradesh and Haryana to sort out this issue

(e): The Conference of the Panchayati Raj Ministers of States held on 11th July, 2001 at New Delhi resolved that if, at all, any parallel bodies are to be set up, they should work under the supervision of the Panchayats and the Gram Sabhas.